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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1624**

For: SMALL-MOLECULE INHIBITORS OF
INTERLEUKIN-2

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 14, 2003 (Paper No. 13), for which a response is due on January 14, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

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